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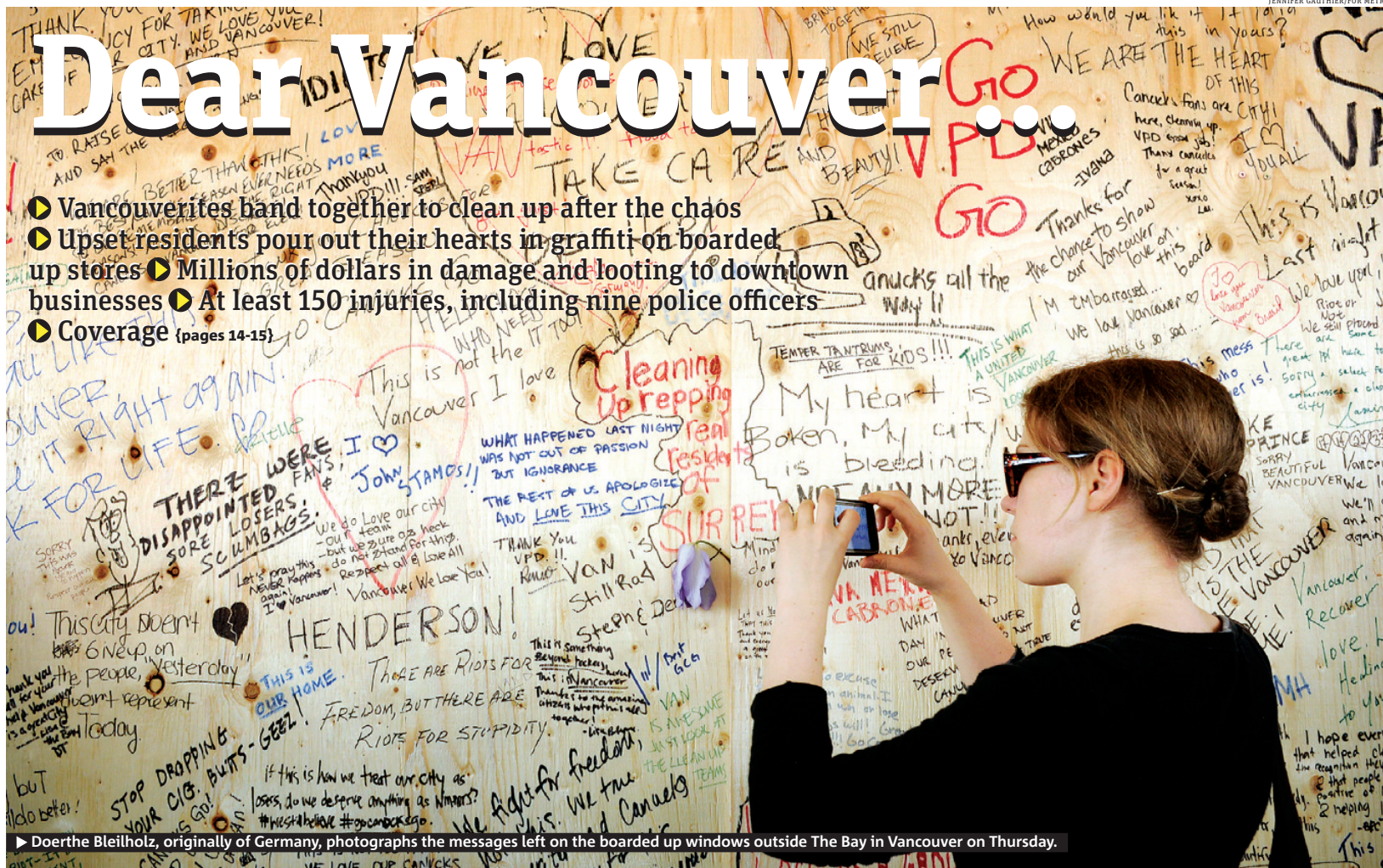
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News worth sharing.

Dear Vancouver...

- ▶ Vancouverites band together to clean up after the chaos
- ▶ Upset residents pour out their hearts in graffiti on boarded up stores
- ▶ Millions of dollars in damage and looting to downtown businesses
- ▶ At least 150 injuries, including nine police officers
- ▶ Coverage (pages 14-15)



▶ Doerthe Bleilholz, originally of Germany, photographs the messages left on the boarded up windows outside The Bay in Vancouver on Thursday.

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Social media gets put to work to help identify looters and rioters in Vancouver. More at metronews.ca

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Lush hosts kiss protest to support same-sex couples

Local cosmetics retailer Lush will host a Kiss and Tell protest at 11:38 a.m. Saturday in support of marriage for same-sex couples in America. The retailer at 43 William St. is encouraging customers to attend, kiss and sign postcards telling the U.S. federal government to scrap the Defense of Marriage Act.

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► Police sketch

Cops release sketch of wanted man

Gatineau police have released a sketch of a man they say has tried to abduct at least two women, and possibly a third, in a grey Ford Focus. Two abduction attempts happened June 8 between 8 p.m. and midnight.

The suspect is described as white, muscular, around six feet tall, weighs about 240 pounds and speaks French with no accent. ● METRO



► Anti-Gadhafi demonstrators rally outside the Libyan embassy in Ottawa on May 13, calling for the Libyan dictator to step down.

Activists call for Libyan rebel ambassador

► Contact with Libyan Embassy in Ottawa limited: DFAIT ► Some pro-Gadhafi diplomats 'undermine the security of Libyan Canadians' say activists



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Canadian supporters of Libyan rebels want their own ambassador in Ottawa.

Talks are underway to bring a National Transitional Council (NTC) diplomat here following foreign affairs minister John Baird's announcement Tuesday that Canada recognizes the council as

the true representatives of the Libyan people.

Sufyan Maghur, who says he is the NTC's representative to Canada, told Metro he is in contact with the group on a regular basis and is seeking to have an ambassador come to Canada. He says that likely won't happen until Canada officially recognizes the NTC as the true Libyan government.

"I am hoping that the Canadian government will

recognize the NTC as the official government of Libya," said Maghur. "Doing so it will pave the way to replace the ambassador with a diplomat from the NTC. That is my hope."

Maghur said it is just a matter of time before that is a reality.

Balqees Mihirig of the Canadian Libyan Council said she suspects the embassy in Ottawa remains open to avoid disrupting consular services, but she

"Anybody who represents the Gadhafi regime officially should be an unwelcome person in Canada."

SUFYAN MAGHUR

said the council maintains its stance that the embassy represents Moammar Gadhafi and his regime.

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Donor saves special-needs program

► Anonymous donation is largest in non-profit's 54-year history



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A program that offers free mobility equipment to people with special needs was set to close before an anonymous donor stepped in this week with a \$45,000 gift.

"A week ago we announced to the public that the SNEES (Special Needs Equipment Exchange Service) program was going to close due to a lack of funds," said manager of the program Stacey Norris. "The response was overwhelming."

Several people called to offer help, including someone who donated \$45,000 — enough money to carry the program through to the end of the fiscal year, said Norris.

By then, Norris hopes

to have found a sustainable plan for funding, she said.

The SNEES program, run by a non-profit organization called In The Community, was operating rent-free in a City of Ottawa building that was demolished in 2009, said Norris.

Then it moved to a new building on Morrison Drive, but couldn't collect enough financial donations to keep paying rent.

The program collects used mobility equipment, including wheelchairs, walkers, safety aids and hospital beds, and gives it to children, seniors and adults who need it, said Norris.

There is a provincial program that offers mobility equipment, but SNEES fills a niche for families that need items that aren't covered and



► Stacey Norris shows off a specialized tricycle and a purple Pony walker at SNEES on Thursday.

situations when they don't have the time to wait for the time in takes

the province to process their request, said Norris. "If you're palliative,

you don't have time to wait. If you need a stroller for your child so they can

join you in the park, you're going to get that," said Norris.



► Protesters chant and dance in front of the Canada Post building, which they chained shut Thursday morning.

Posties rally to 'lock out' managers

Aiming to "lock out" their management, unionized postal workers shut out a few hundred federal employees from their offices in the Canada Post campus on Riverside Drive on Thursday morning.

"We don't work, they don't work," shouted the protesters.

As previously reported at metronews.ca/ottawa, Canada Post locked out

employees this week after the Canadian Union of Postal Workers initiated a series of rotating strikes that shut down mail service for one day at a time in cities across the country — a move management said cost the Crown corporation almost \$100 million in lost revenue.

The rally began at about 6:30 a.m. at Vincent Massey Park. About 100

postal workers and their supporters marched to the Canada Post building and chained the front door shut.

When Canada Revenue Agency employees, who work in the same building, arrived the protesters ushered them through the picket lines, but the tax agency employees found their security cards would not work.

Canada Post spokesperson Anick Losier would not comment on who was responsible for locking the federal employees out, but said, "We want to make sure that all of our people are safe and we have needed to take some measures."

By 9:20 a.m., the protesters marched away, letting everyone into the buildings.

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News in brief



Pedal power fights malaria

CYCLE TRIP. A team of about 20 students from Carleton University and the University of Ottawa are biking from the nation's capital to Toronto on June 30 to raise more than \$5,000 to help UNICEF-Canada fight malaria. The group, Canada against Malaria!, will start at Carleton University and will arrive in Toronto on July 4. The money raised will help UNICEF-Canada distribute insecticide-treated bed nets in malar-

ia-hit countries. The public is also invited to attend a BBQ fundraiser on June 21 at Carleton University and make donations.

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Drivers caught in no-go zones

CONSTRUCTION. Ottawa Police say they laid 330 charges against drivers caught speeding in construction zones and flouting stop signs in May.

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Natarajan donates \$1.5M

DONATION. Ottawa-based tech entrepreneur Sreedhar Natarajan has donated \$1.5 million to the Canada-India Centre for Excellence in Science, Technology, Trade and Policy at Carleton University.

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Lavigne gets 6 months

▶ 'It's not justice,' ex-senator says ▶ He claimed travel expenses for trips taken by staffers and had staff work on his farm on taxpayer time

Former Liberal senator Raymond Lavigne has been sentenced to six months in jail and six months house arrest for fraud.

He was also ordered to donate \$10,000 to charity.

Lavigne said he plans to appeal his convictions and sentence and left court muttering, "It's not justice."

Before Judge Robert Smith passed sentence, Lavigne complained about an unfair trial.

"I am not guilty.... The process wasn't fair or just."

The judge, however, said Lavigne's behaviour was unacceptable for someone in such a public position.

The one-time Liberal MP was convicted in March of fraud and breach of trust for misuse of Senate funds and pocketing expenses



▶ Raymond Lavigne, left, with his wife, Carmen Robichaud, arrives at the Ottawa court for sentencing on Thursday.

that were actually run up by his staff.

He was acquitted on a

third charge of obstruction of justice.

The 65-year-old faced a

maximum 14 years in prison but the Crown asked for a sentence of 12 to 15 months.

At his sentence hearing, prosecutors cited Lavigne's lack of remorse, his repeated transgressions and the motivation of financial gain as aggravating factors.

But Lavigne's lawyer argued the public humiliation he faced as a result of the charges, and the fact he repaid some of the money, should soften the blow.

Lavigne was appointed to the Senate in 2002 by then-prime minister Jean Chrétien.

He resigned his seat 10 days after he was convicted, trading in his \$132,000 annual salary for a parliamentary pension that could hit \$79,000 a year.

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Tackling mental health issues at work

► Bell Canada, feds contributing \$470,000 to Mental Health Commission



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The Mental Health Commission of Canada announced it is launching a Canada-wide standard for workplaces to improve the psychological well-being of employees.

The National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety will be voluntary for employers

"You need a thoughtful, supportive, planned way to return someone to work."

SUSAN JAKOBSON OF HEALTHY MINDS AT WORK.

to adopt, but will provide them with guidance about dealing with mental health issues in the workplace.

Speaking at the announcement, Susan Jakobson, 53, said employers need to help their workers with a supportive return-to-work plan. Jakobson,

who heads Healthy Minds at Work, had to deal with breast cancer and mourn the loss of a loved one simultaneously.

After her cancer treatment was over, she said she felt pressured to return to work and her mental health suffered as a result.



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► Andrée Rainville walks on stilts in the Ottawa Fringe Festival main tent Thursday, the opening day of the 15th annual theatre festival.

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Unrestricted expression

Rainville is a member of the Créations in Vivo, a new resident performance company of the Arts Court complex on Daly Avenue. The Ottawa Fringe Festival runs through June 26. For tickets and information go to ottawafringe.com.

Police ask for help in robbery investigation

Ottawa police are looking for a knife-waving robber who threatened a shop clerk in Ottawa's east end.

Police responded to a robbery around 6 a.m. Wednesday after a man with a knife entered a store on the 1000 block of Cyrville Road.

The man threatened the clerk and fled the scene on foot with an undisclosed

amount of cash and cigarettes. The victim was not injured, police said.

The suspect is described as a white male in his mid-40s, five-foot-eight, of medium build, wearing a grey T-shirt and beige shorts.

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Tip hotline

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Number sense is child's play

► U.S. study involving babies presents evidence that numerical abilities are innate, though approximate

At six months of age, babies might not know how to express themselves through language, but it turns out they have an innate knack for numbers, a new study suggests.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University found that infants were able to recognize whether the number of happy faces shown on a computer screen matched a number of sound tones played to the infants just before they were shown the images.

In one experiment, babies were played four sound tones and then shown four happy faces on a computer screen. The procedure was then repeated, but instead of four happy faces appearing on screen, which would have corresponded to the

number of beeps, the researchers showed the babies eight happy faces.

"What we found was that babies looked significantly longer at the mismatch, as though they were surprised, as though they were expecting to see four things because they had just heard four sounds," said Lisa Feigenson, a professor of psychological and brain sciences at Johns Hop-

kins University and lead author of the study.

Researchers conducted experiments with 24 babies, all of whom were within about one week of being six months old. Feigenson said the age limit was imposed partly to control for linguistic development, which would be more advanced in older infants.

The results suggest that

"When I take a quick look at lineups in the grocery store, I don't count how many people are lining up, but I get a gut sense of the number. That's what babies are doing.... They have not yet learned to count, they cannot represent numbers precisely, but they can form these gut, intuitive numerical estimations."

LISA FEIGENSON, LEAD AUTHOR OF THE STUDY



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► Ron Mueck's Big Baby sculpture appears to look at a visitor to the Masterpieces Exhibition at Christie's on June 13 in London, England. Researchers at Johns Hopkins University suggest that infants have a knack for numbers and can perform rapid estimations.

infants are able to perform rapid estimations akin to adults who view two check-out lines at a grocery store before deciding which one to join.

But there are limits to this ability. The researchers found that unless the num-

ber of happy faces was at least twice as large as the number of sound tones the babies heard, the infants could not distinguish the numerical difference. Such results show that our innate numerical abilities are approximate, Feigenson

said.

The ultimate goal of the experiments, she said, is to determine if this early ability to recognize numerical differences is the foundation of human mathematical abilities.

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CF-18 jet fighters strike Tripoli

► Canadian military says bombing runs target command-and-control elements of Gadhafi's forces

Canadian warplanes have bombed the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

A Canadian Forces spokesman confirms that CF-18 jet fighters took part in four days of targeted strikes last weekend.

But the spokesman could not say whether any of the strikes came close to hitting Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

The Canadian jets were involved in day and night raids on Tripoli, which has recently been the focus of more intense NATO bombing.

They struck at depots

6 Canada has six fighter jets taking part in the NATO-led bombardment enforcing a United Nations resolution to protect civilians from Gadhafi.

housing armoured vehicles in an attempt to degrade Gadhafi's command-and-control structures.

The latest NATO strike near Gadhafi's compound rattled windows across the heart of the capital, producing thunderous concussions and smoke billowing into the air.

NATO launched its air campaign nearly three months ago under a United Nations resolution to protect civilians. What started as a peaceful uprising inside the country against Gadhafi and his more than four-decade rule has become a civil war.

Fighting between government forces and the rebels had reached a stalemate until last week when NATO launched the heaviest bombardment of Gadhafi forces since the alliance took control of the skies over Libya.

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► A Libyan mechanic welds a weapon shield on a pickup truck in an industrial college turned into a weapons workshop in Misrata, Libya, Thursday.

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Inside a weapons workshop

Libyan civilians maintain and build weapons in schools across the city to send to the front lines.

Diplomatic efforts heat up in Libya

Renewed diplomatic efforts to halt Libya's civil war appeared to be gaining momentum Thursday as thunderous NATO airstrikes once again hammered Moammar Gadhafi's stronghold of Tripoli.

Officials in the capital say they are open to international efforts that would bring an end to four months of fighting be-

tween forces loyal to the longtime leader and rebels who control the eastern third of the country along with pockets in the west.

But they insist that Gadhafi will not bow to international pressure to push him aside.

"We don't accept anything that may be done against him. He is a red line in our discussions," Prime Minister al-Baghda-

di al-Mahmoudi said. Any deal that would partition the country is also unacceptable, he added.

One of Gadhafi's sons told an Italian newspaper that while his father would not seek exile, elections under international supervision could offer a way out. A vote could be organized within three months, he said.

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Tories want to tweak medical-pot system

► **Emergency responders can't tell difference between legal, illegal grow-ops**

The federal government is poised to tighten the rules on medical marijuana so that only licensed private operators are allowed to grow it, The Canadian Press has learned.

Sources say Health Minister Leona Aglukkaq wants to take individuals and Health Canada out of the business of growing pot.

Instead, she wants to tender licences to the private sector to produce marijuana in a way that is similar to how conventional drugs are produced.

The move is a response to complaints from mayors, police and firefighters — mainly in British Columbia.

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Background

- **About 10,000 people** have prescriptions for medical marijuana in Canada.
- **And about 3,400 licences** have been issued to grow the plants — two thirds of them in Ontario and British Columbia.
- **B.C. mayors** have been asking Health Canada to change the medical marijuana rules to require municipal permits.
- **Mayors say licences** to cultivate medical marijuana have been given out without informing local authorities.



► Minister of Health Leona Aglukkaq responds during question period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill on Monday, June 8.

Ethics report: Political Code of Conduct needed

The House of Commons ethics watchdog says she can't do much about it unless it involves shenanigans with private interests.

But in her annual report Thursday, ethics commissioner Mary Dawson suggested the Commons consider a code of conduct for members.

Dawson said she regularly gets complaints from people who think politicians are abusing their positions or behaving inappropriately.

"Misleading statements, personal attacks and the like that come with the partisan nature of political life are often distasteful to many Canadians," Dawson wrote in her reports on both the Conflict of Interest Code for MPs and the Conflict of Interest Code Act.

"Some assume that this sort of behaviour must be covered by one or another of the various accountability regimes in force. In fact, there is no comprehensive regime that governs political conduct in general."

Dawson said some of the cases she's been asked to look into, but couldn't, included the use of MP mailings or communications in an overly partisan manner, using partisan labels when announcing government initiatives or breaking the confidentiality of the budget process.

Her office examines cases involving MPs and public office-holders and their dealings with individuals and businesses outside of government — everything from accepting gifts to where they work after leaving politics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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► WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is seen with his ankle security tag at the house where he's required to stay, near Bungay, England.

House-arrested wiki-development

► For six months Julian Assange has been confined to rural estate ► He continues to fight extradition to Sweden

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says his house arrest over sex allegations is hampering the work of the secret-spilling site, and his supporters accuse Britain of spying on him.

The 39-year-old Australian has spent six months at a supporter's rural estate as he fights extradition to Sweden, where he is accused of the rape and sexual assault of two women.

Supporters have released

a video claiming police had set up surveillance cameras near the house to record licence plates of visiting cars.

Assange's bail conditions require him to wear an electronic tag and report to police daily.

Assange told the Associated Press Thursday that he had become "a fixed target" for snoopers.

He said his house arrest has been "the single largest impediment to our work."

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Background

► A supporter of the army private suspected of supplying classified documents to the WikiLeaks website refused to testify to a federal grand jury, accusing the U.S. Justice Department of using fear tactics to intimidate advocates of transparency in government.

NUMBER TWO

Bin Laden's been replaced

Ayman al-Zawahri, the newly appointed chief of al-Qaida, lacks the charisma and operational skills of Osama bin Laden as a terror leader, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday.

But he said the selection of al-Qaida's former No. 2 to take bin Laden's place is a reminder that the terror group is still out

there and must be pursued.

"Despite having suffered a huge loss with the killing of bin Laden and a number of others, al-Qaida seeks to perpetuate itself, seeks to find replacements for those who have been killed and remains committed to the agenda that bin Laden put before them," Gates told Pentagon reporters, at what was billed as his last scheduled press conference before retiring at the end of the month.

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Granny bandit sells grandson

A Florida woman has pleaded no contest to a scheme to sell her infant grandson.

Patty Bigbee, 46, admitted to selling her then-2-month-old grandson, Aidan Fleming, for \$30,000.

The boy's 22-year-old mother took part in the sale of her child.

The buyer was actually an undercover agent.

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Cleaning up their city and reputation

► Around 1,000 show up at Vancouver's riot site to help clean up ► Broken windows turn into impromptu shrine

Embarrassment and anger over the Stanley Cup riot brought volunteers to Vancouver's downtown Thursday in a massive effort to clean the city's streets and its soiled reputation.

"I'm clearing up other peoples' mess," said Annabel Heath. "I'm from the U.K. and this is my safe place. It shouldn't be ruined by other people being stupid."

Tim McMillan, with the department of sanitation, provided volunteers with equipment.

"It sounds like close to 1,000 people showed up, and the city is as clean as I've ever seen it," he said.

Toni Schmader, professor of psychology at the University of B.C., blamed

"People are much more likely to follow along with what others are doing in a crowd."

TONI SCHMADER,
PSYCHOLOGY PROFESSOR

the riot on the convergence of three elements — emotions, booze and some thugs — along with crowd behaviour that strips a person's individuality.

"We feel like part of this massive something and that makes us feel unaccountable for our actions," Schmader explained. He added the fuel for the riot was the heavy emotional investment that people make in their sports teams. For a

Canadian city, the seventh game of the Stanley Cup final is about as big as it gets. The 100,000-plus crowd was charged up and ready for action.

The addition of booze to that fuel — many people took the day off and spent the lead-up to the game drinking in bars — resulted in something called alcohol myopia, changing the way people process information and pushing the long-term consequences from the mind's of people.

The final ingredient, Schmader said, were rabble-rousers that came downtown intentionally looking to spark trouble.

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► Riot police walk by as a couple kisses Wednesday night in Vancouver. Inset: Plywood covering the destroyed windows of The Bay became an impromptu shrine Thursday in Vancouver.



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Wednesday riot worse than 1994, officials say

The riot that followed the Vancouver Canucks' Game 7 loss to the Boston Bruins resulted in 15 cars being torched, nearly 100 arrests and scores of people sent to hospital.

One man was seriously injured after falling off an overpass.

Vancouver police Chief Jim Chu said there were about three times as many rioters than in the previous Stanley Cup riot 17 years ago.

"I was out in '94 and I've seen more damage ... than in '94," Murray Wightman, the manager of city operations, said Thursday morning.

Investigators are reviewing video and photographic evidence from the public to identify suspects.

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A man in limbo

► Canadians fight to get Montrealer off the UN's no-fly terror list

A group of Canadians urged United Nations officials in New York on Thursday to take the rare step of removing a Montreal man's name from the UN's no-fly list.

But the delegation of supporters for Abousfian Abdelrazik left the two-hour meeting with their expectations in check.

"Well, I don't know," delegation member James

Loney said when asked whether he thought the meeting could eventually get Abdelrazik's name stricken from the terror watchlist.

"I'm cautiously hopeful, I would say."

Abdelrazik, a Sudanese-Canadian with alleged connections to terrorism and Osama bin Laden, is barred from working because of the UN sanctions, which

"There has been no fairness, no transparency in the five years that he has been on this list."

JAMES LONEY,
DELEGATION MEMBER

include an asset freeze and travel ban.

Since 2006, he has been

on the UN blacklist, which has kept his life in limbo.

The seven-member delegation, backed by more than 90 Canadian organizations, drove to New York City to meet with representatives of the committee monitoring sanctions against al-Qaida and the Taliban.

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► Sheep in southern Argentina are seen coated with volcanic ash on Thursday.

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Sect leader's daughter says sorry

A polygamist sect leader's daughter expressed remorse as she pleaded guilty Thursday to a charge relating to the shotgun killings of an eight-year-old girl and three sect members who had left the church.

Jacqueline LeBaron was a fugitive for nearly 20 years.

She had faced murder and other charges and now

faces up to five years in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to obstruct religious beliefs as part of an agreement.

LeBaron, the daughter of Utah polygamist Ervil LeBaron, has been held without bond since she was extradited last year from Honduras.

"I'm very sorry this happened," LeBaron told a Houston judge.

Officials say LeBaron and her family followed their sect's doctrine of blood atonement, in which defectors were killed.

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► This photo shows U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords three days before she was shot, left, and again on May 17, right, at TIRR Memorial Hermann in Houston, the day before she underwent her cranioplasty.

Gunshot victim leaves hospital

► Release marks new milestone in Rep. Giffords' recovery from shooting ► Intensive therapy continues

A U.S. congresswoman who was shot in the head in January has moved into her husband's suburban Houston home, beginning a new phase in her recovery that will allow her to blend daily trips to the hospital with a more routine family life.

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' departure Wednesday from Houston's TIRR Memorial Hermann indicates she has made enough progress in her recovery from a devastating gunshot wound to be released from the hospital. But she still has a long, arduous journey ahead of her.

She struggles to speak and walk, and will continue daily, intensive therapy for months, and possibly years. Whether she will ever recover enough to resume her congressional duties is still unknown.

Yet doctors, her astronaut husband Mark Kelly and experts who have been observing Giffords' recovery emphasize that going home is a key milestone and could help stimulate her progress.

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside," Kelly said in a statement released by the hospital. "Living and work-

"Anyone who knows Gabby knows that she loves being outside. Living and working in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her." MARK KELLY, GIFFORDS' HUSBAND

ing in a rehab facility for five months straight has been especially challenging for her."

Giffords will still go to the hospital each day where she will participate in speech, music, physical and occupational therapy with the same team that has treated her since she arrived in Houston in late January.

Now, however, at the end of each day "she will be with her family," Kelly said.

The congresswoman will move to Kelly's home in League City, a suburb near the Johnson Space Center, where she will have 24-hour help from a home care assistant.

The 41-year-old was shot in the left side of the brain, the part that controls speech and communication, on Jan. 8 while meeting with constituents in Tucson. Six people were killed and 13 wounded in the attack, including the lawmaker and members of her staff.

Her release from the hospital was met with excitement.

"When I went home from the hospital after surgery, I was so nervous, but boy it's wonderful to be home in your own surroundings, to be able to have things on your own schedule," said Ron Barber, a staffer who also survived the shooting.

"I'm sure it'll be uplifting and healing for her, too," he said.

Jordan Grafman, director of the Traumatic Brain Injury Research Laboratory at the Kessler Foundation Research Center in West Orange, N.J., said being around family often motivates patients. He warned, however, that the congresswoman is far from healed and has a lifetime of recovery ahead of her.

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Congressman resigns over lewd Twitter pictures

► Anthony Weiner, 46, took a leave of absence, retreating to a treatment facility after scandal broke last week
► Party pressured him to step down

U.S. congressman Anthony Weiner announced his resignation Thursday, done in by lewd photos he took of himself, sent to women online and then lied about after being caught.

Party leaders have been pressing him to resign so that Democrats could resume positioning themselves for the 2012 election campaign without constant criticism from Republicans on moral grounds.

"I make this apology to my neighbours and my constituents, but I make it particularly to my wife," he said, reading from a brief statement in New York City's Brooklyn borough.



► U.S. Rep. Anthony Weiner announces his resignation from Congress in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Thursday.

Weiner's wife was absent as he announced his decision, as she was 10 days ago when he admitted having sent inappropriate messages and photos to several women online.

The crowd on Thursday included hecklers and radio shock jocks, vying for attention at what became a New York media event.

Weiner said he had hoped to remain in Con-

"I'm here today to again apologize for the personal mistakes I have made and the embarrassment I have caused."

ANTHONY WEINER

gress but conceded his predicament had made that impossible. Instead, he said he would resign "so my colleagues can get back to work, my neighbours can choose a new representative and ... that my wife and I can continue to heal from the damage I have caused."

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Web trumps parents in sex ed: Report

► Study involved 200 teens who had completed their secondary school sexual education requirements

Almost 40 per cent of teens who answered a questionnaire about their sexual knowledge said the Internet is more useful than parents in providing this kind of information.

And almost one-quarter of respondents rated the Internet higher than their high school sexual education classes.

About 60 per cent couldn't identify Canada's age of sexual consent, which is 16, and almost 40 per cent over-estimated how effective male condoms are when they're used as a sole method of birth control.

The results were unveiled Thursday at the annual meeting of the Canadian Paediatric Society in Quebec City. The project was an undertaking of Dr. Maya Kumar, a pediatric resident, and colleagues at the University of Western



► Dr. Maya Kumar of U of W

Ontario in London, Ont.

"The findings from my study seem to indicate that teenagers are relying on the Internet as a source of sexual information, and now we have a responsibility to make sure that the information they get is accurate and of good quality," Kumar said in an interview from London prior to the conference. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ministry of Education applauds sex survey

The press secretary to Ontario Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky said the research is welcome. "We agree that it is im-

portant for students to have accurate and relevant information," Mike Feenstra wrote in an email.

"Health information contained in the curriculum must also be deliv-

ered in a clear and accessible way to students and that's why we offer many resources to help teachers deliver this important information."

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"It's funny because we have exams for math and we have exams for science, but we don't really have an evaluation process for our sexual education programs."

DR. MAYA KUMAR, STUDY AUTHOR

30%

The students were also presented with four scenarios that represented a sexual assault, but only about 30 per cent of respondents actually identified all four cases as such, Kumar said.



► Employees work in the Canadian offices of Facebook in Toronto in this file photo.

IS DOSE OF FACEBOOK UNHEALTHY? STUDY COUNTERS ISOLATION CLAIM

A new survey is countering views that social networks isolate people.

According to the study from the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project, Facebook users are more trusting, have more close friends and get more social support than their non-networked counterparts.

The survey released Thursday found that,

when all else is equal, people who use Facebook have nine per cent more close ties in their overall social network than other Internet users.

Facebook users are also more politically engaged than people who are not on Facebook, says the survey, conducted among 2,255 adults from Oct. 20 to Nov. 28, 2010. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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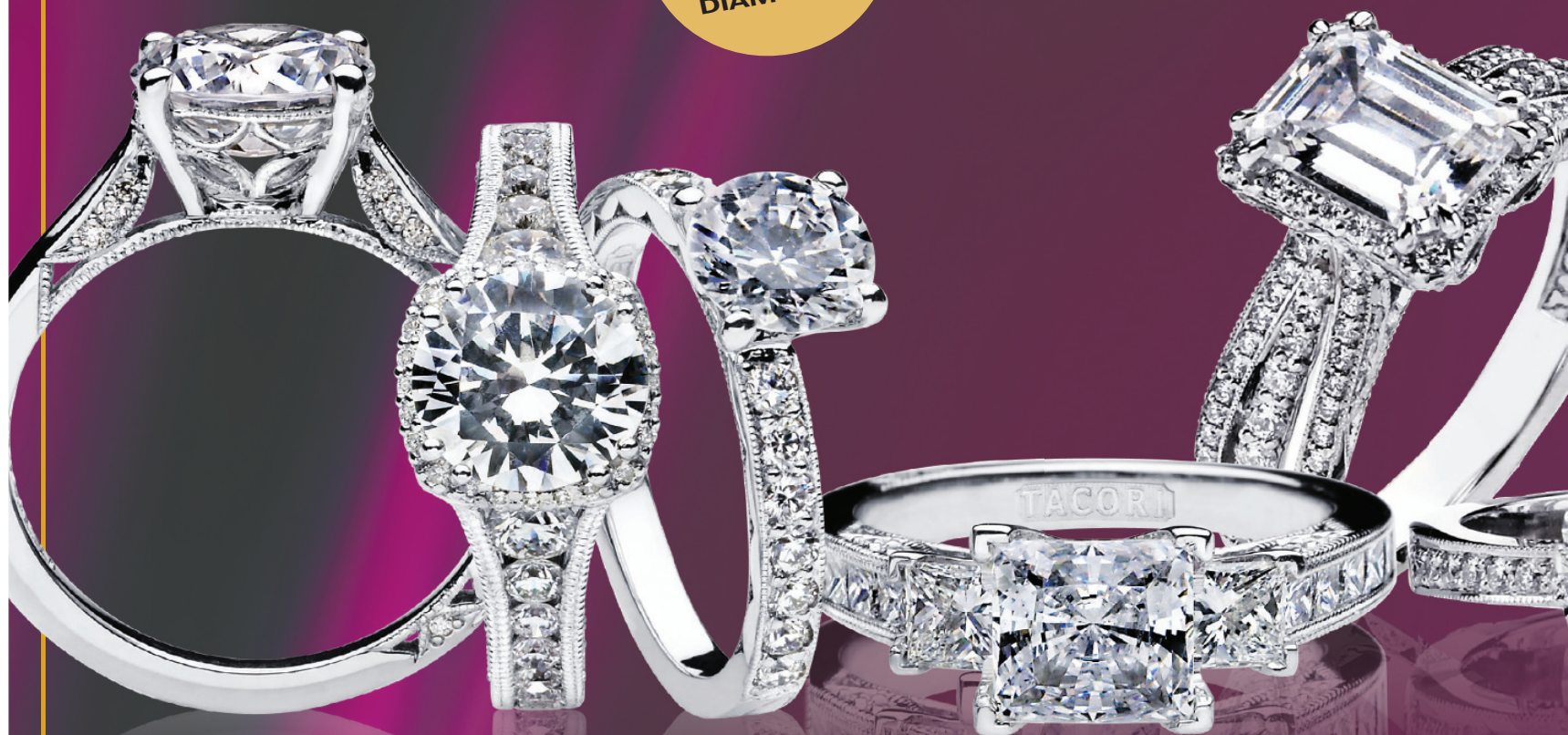
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Two sides reach deal in airline strike



► Airports from Vancouver to Halifax (above) saw no major disruptions in service after Air Canada front-line staff walked off the job on Tuesday. Strikers are set to go back to work.

► Workers set to return on Friday ► Labour minister credits government intervention for quick end to strike

A tentative collective agreement ending a strike by Air Canada staff contains pay increases, but it will be up to an arbitrator to settle a dispute over pension plans for new hires.

Ken Lewenza, president of the Canadian Auto Workers, said the deal includes higher wages and addresses quality of life and other issues raised by members.

But he said it does not settle the issue of defined-benefit pensions.

3,800

Some 3,800 Air Canada customer-service and other staff walked off the job Tuesday.

Lewenza said the union agreed to send the pension issue to an arbitrator in order to minimize the strain on the striking workers.

"For us to prolong the strike as a result of future (hires) would absolutely make no sense at this time,

but it will give us an opportunity in future years to bargain on behalf of those new hires," Lewenza said.

He said there would be "very slight modifications" to the current pension plan, which would become effective in 2013. Details will not be released until after a ratification vote.

The tentative four-year settlement came less than an hour after Ottawa tabled legislation that would have forced the workers back on the job.

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Hydro-Quebec rolls out EV stations

Hydro-Quebec is teaming with several well-known companies to offer Canada's first charging stations for electric vehicles.

Home renovations company Rona Inc., Rotisseries St-Hubert chicken restaurant, grocer Metro and Montreal's suburban transit agency AMT will offer 100 EV stations in Montreal and Quebec City in early 2012.

Each will provide 240 volts of electricity, allowing motorists to travel 25 kilometres after one hour of charging.

The public utility

\$2 Motorists will be charged \$2 for each single use of the EV stations and access to a prime parking spot.

expects to add quick-charging stations of at least 400 volts that give an EV enough power to travel 50 kilometres in just 10 minutes, or 80 per cent of the battery's capacity in 30 minutes.

The companies assured on Thursday that the charge stations won't be restricted to use only by their customers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

High-flying loonie could see auto profits plummet

The strong loonie is driving up the cost of Canadian employees, which could put pressure on auto-parts and vehicle makers to send more jobs to the U.S. and Mexico where labour costs are lower, an independent think-tank says.

The Conference Board of Canada predicts a continued recovery in the auto industry on the back of soaring demand for vehicles in the U.S., providing substantial opportunity for the Canadian sector. But that growth potential will

not necessarily benefit Canadian workers in the auto-parts and vehicle-assembly sectors, the board warns.

A high loonie adds to labour costs in Canada relative to developing countries and makes Canadian exports less cost-competitive, which is prompting auto companies to look south when they make decisions about where to set up new plants, the board said.

"Furthermore, wages of Canadian auto workers are at risk of moving out of



► The Chrysler plant in Brampton, Ont., is one of four in North America that was shuttered for several weeks in 2009 because of the economic downturn.

line with those of their American counterparts," the board said.

The auto industry and its offshoots, key components of Canada's economy, have enjoyed a swift turnaround since last year after struggling to maintain profits during the economic downturn of 2008-09.

But the board says auto-parts makers Magna International, Martinrea and Linamar could be forced to lower prices to compete with foreign manufacturers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Riding high

► Canada's auto-parts industry had a \$255-million profit in 2010, the first since 2007.

► Revenues are expected to grow at an annual average pace of 10.5 per cent through 2013 to 2015.

► The Canadian auto-assembly industry is forecast to post profits of nearly \$1 billion this year, up \$114 million from last year.



▶ Striking post office workers in Halifax on Thursday.

Expect cheques in mail

▶ Postal workers may be back on the job next week with legislation

Some two million Canadians will find social-assistance cheques in their mailboxes on Monday despite the ongoing dispute between Canada Post and its locked-out employees

that has left regular mail delivery in limbo.

The Crown corporation said Thursday — a day after it locked out workers and suspended urban mail delivery across the country —

that the cheques will be delivered on June 20. Included are CPP, Old Age Security, Veterans' Affairs and Canada Tax Benefit cheques. Quebec's Child Assistance, Pension and Income Security

cheques as well as Alberta Pension cheques will also be delivered that day.

The federal government plans to table back-to-work legislation Monday as well.

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Dollar down amid Greek debt crisis

The Canadian dollar fell closer to parity with the U.S. dollar for a second day on Thursday as traders sought safe haven with the greenback amid fears that Greece could default on its massive debt.

The loonie was down 0.44 of a cent at 101.71 cents US at the end trading, after going as low as 101.03 cents US earlier Thursday. The slide followed a drop of more than a U.S. cent on Wednesday.

"I think the risk is we could easily move toward parity because we're seeing a trend to risk aversion in markets and a lot of uncertainty stemming out of Europe," said Camilla Sutton, chief currency strategist at Scotia Capital.

"As well, we're also seeing a softening in U.S. economic data overall. All of that puts some pressure on the Canadian economic

outlook as well."

Canada's dollar hasn't closed below parity since the end of January but currency markets have been volatile as Greece's governing Socialist party tried to pass critical austerity measures that creditors have demanded in return for continued funding from \$155 billion US international bailout. It's extremely unlikely that another rescue deal will be offered if the Greek Parliament fails to back those new measures.

Investors are worried that a default in Greece could set off a catastrophic financial reaction.

"Markets are jittery because the risk of contagion spreading to other eurozone countries and banks is a key concern," said Rahim Madhavji of Knightbridge Foreign Exchange.

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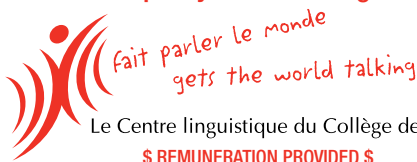
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1 The iconic image: Couple kissing during riots. It was an absolutely horrible Wednesday night in Vancouver. The Canucks lost Game 7 to

Boston and then the riots broke out downtown. But the ray of sunshine was an image snapped by a photographer of a couple lying on a tear-gas filled street making out, with riot police in the foreground and background. It's gone viral, and now the whole world is wondering who this mystery couple is.

2 Dirk. The lone superstar of the Dallas Mavericks, Dirk Nowitzki, outplays the superstar trio of LeBron James/Dwyane Wade/Chris Bosh to lead the Mavs to their first NBA title. A dynasty does not begin in Miami. Dirk, meanwhile ... well, he is now recognizable by one name (take that LeBron), and will go down as one of the Top 20 players of all time. (Oh, and there was no rioting in Miami.)

3 Can I be your friend? A man decides to test the etiquette of Twitter and Facebook in the real world by approaching strangers with lines like, "Can I be your friend?" and "Can I write on your wall?" and "Could I poke you?" and "I'm going to follow you." The video he makes is hilarious and has more than 700,000 views on YouTube.

4 Alice's Bucket List. A 15-year-old girl with terminal cancer has become an inspiration to the whole world. She has started a blog, Alice's Bucket List, which lists the many things she still wants to do with her time on Earth. Some tangible, some a dream. Such as: "To make everyone sign up to be a bone marrow donor, to swim with sharks, to go to Kenya (I can't travel there now but I wanted to)." As she says on her blog, "You only have one life ... live it!" So true.

5 A book on Charlie Sheen? Denise Richards is writing a tell-all memoir about her marriage — and nasty divorce — to Charlie Sheen to be released late July. And then she will likely go on a tour. But here's hoping it's nothing like her ex's Violent Torpedo of Truth tour disaster.

6 Air Canada strike over! The feds announced back-to-work legislation, and soon after Air Canada and the Canadian Auto Workers union reached a tentative deal. And across Canada, striking customer-service agents at airports were screaming with delight. The flying public is about to get its best customer service ever with the good mood these agents are in.

7 Reality TV gets real. Many thought Gene Simmons and longtime girlfriend Shannon Tweed were just putting us on when they went on the Today Show Monday and talked about the disintegration of their relationship. But it wasn't just a ratings ploy to get us to watch the season premiere of Gene Simmons Family Jewels. Their relationship is, in fact, coming apart due to his philandering, and watching that episode was one of the more painful, awkward episodes of reality TV ever. Period.

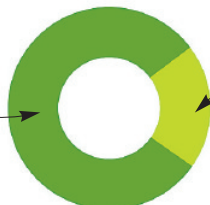
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LOS ANGELES.

Astronomers think they have solved the mystery of an extraordinary flash spied in a faraway galaxy, saying it came from a massive black hole that devoured a star after it wandered too close.

Some scientists initially thought the bright flash was a gamma-ray burst from a star collapsing, but flaring from such an event typically lasts only a few hours.

Instead of fading, the cosmic outburst continued to burn bright and emit high-energy radiation months later.

Two separate teams pored through data and concluded that an unsuspecting star the size of our sun likely got sucked in by the powerful tug of a giant black hole much like a fly that can't escape a frog resting on a lily pad.

As the black hole gobbled up the star, it streamed a beam of energy straight at Earth that was recorded by telescopes. The stellar event occurred in the heart of a galaxy 3.8 billion light years from Earth. A light year is about 9.66 trillion kilometres.

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Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Fashion you can sink your teeth into

Lady Gaga made history at last year's MTV Video Music Awards when she turned butcher's cuts into high fashion.

On Thursday, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame was prepared to unveil the singer's infamous raw-meat dress to the public. The dress — made of layers of Argentinian beef — was kept in a meat locker, placed in a vat of chemi-

cals and then dried out by taxidermists in California before being transported to the museum.

Hall of Fame spokeswoman Margaret Thresher said the dress took on a "dark, beef-jerky" look while dehydrating, so it was painted to look "fresh" afterwards. The entire process took several months to complete.

The dress is being displayed as part of the Women Who Rock: Vision, Passion, Power exhibit, which runs until February 2012.

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Plot synopsis

Loosely based on the classic 1938 children's book, the movie sees Jim Carrey playing the title character, a ruthless NYC real estate agent who becomes closer to his estranged family when he inherits a penguin from his late father. Through a series of misunderstandings one penguin becomes six. As the penguins take over his life, Popper's formerly flightless personal life starts to soar.

Ratings:
Richard: ●●●●
Mark: ●●●½

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► Jim Carrey in Mr. Popper's Penguins.

Lots to like in Penguins

► Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin agree Mr. Popper's Penguins is a surprise hit ► Will appeal to the kids, with enough story to keep adults interested

Richard Crouse: Mark, Jim Carrey is back acting opposite wildlife, but unlike the Ace Ventura movies, this time he's not talking out of his bum, or doing anything that parents may take issue with. Mr. Popper's Penguins is total family entertainment, paced for young ones but with enough story to keep older kids and parents interested. I dreaded this one but actually ended up enjoying it.

Mark Breslin: Me too, Richard. I'm not a big fan of Jim Carrey movies, but this time the comedian keeps his cartoony instincts in check and brings an easy naturalness to the

role. The penguins make great foils for Carrey as they are the comedians of the animal world. With their tuxedo pelts, paunches and big noses they look like standup comics from the '50s.

RC: Ha! They do provide most of the laughs in the film, but I'm not sure I would classify this as a comedy. Carrey has a few funny moments, the penguins — who could be more rightly called Mr. Popper's Pooping Penguins — engage in some animal antics, and Popper's "p" popping personal assistant takes alliteration to new heights, but the movie is more about heart than humour.

MB: Maybe that's why I liked it so much: Carrey wasn't working so hard to be "on" all the time. I also appreciated the New York setting, though I found it bizarre that Popper was trying to raze, then save Tavern On The Green when it was just closed and slated for demolition last year. I guess the penguins aren't the only fantasy elements in the film!

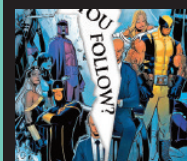
RC: It is a fantasy film with a nice even tone for families, but I'm curious what sort of movie it might have been if the original director Noah Baumbach had been behind the camera. He's best known for making edgy family dramas

like Squid and the Whale. Mr. Popper's Penguins might have been more interesting to mom and dad if he had directed, but as it is it will appeal to kids, particularly if they've read the book.

MB: I love Baumbach, but I can only imagine his direction would have led to The Squid, the Whale and the Penguins, about a dysfunctional family with lots of flipper wringing. No, the movie ain't broke, so let's not fix it. You're right, it's a great family picture, but also — dare I say this — a good date movie. I may not know much about life, Richard, but I do know this: chicks dig penguins!

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Scene in brief



The X-Men, soon to end in just a few more issues, won't be gone for long. Two new titles will replace Marvel Comics' longest-running current series in November as it draws a 48-year run to a close with issue No. 544. Two separate teams calling themselves X-Men will take root this fall.

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Retrooled and reviewed — What might be next for the Spider-Man musical on Broadway? Scan code for story.



Comic provides 'heart' to Cars 2

► Larry The Cable Guy lends his voice to rusty tow truck Mater in Pixar's Cars 2 ► Comedian brings his own brand of humour to the animated character



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Love him or loath him, there's no denying that Larry The Cable Guy is arguably the most successful comedian today. The man responsible for countless "get er' done" T-shirts and trucker hats created a brand of comedy that attracts vast audiences.

His appeal even extends to children, thanks to lending his voice to Mater in Pixar's Cars. The character was so popular that he got a DVD spinoff, Mater's Tall Tales, and is now the main character in Cars 2.

"I had a feeling that if they made a Cars 2 that Mater would have a larger role because he was so prevalent in that first one," Larry told Metro. "He provided the humour, he provided the heart, he provided the... well, Mater provided pretty much everything."

Mater the rusted tow truck is basically Larry The Cable Guy on wheels, and while the comedian doesn't write the Cars screenplays, he is responsible for most of his lines.

"[Cars 2 director] John Lasseter basical-

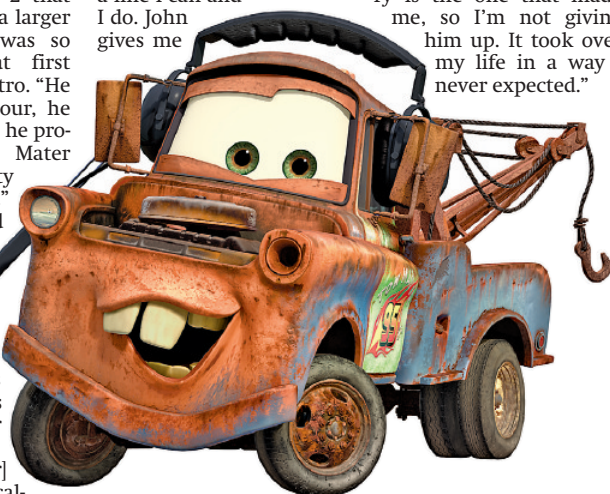


ly said to me, 'Look, you're the character. You do him better than anyone because you are Mater,'" said Larry. "If I want to change a line I can and I do. John gives me

a lot of leeway, which makes for a great recording session because I'm completely free."

But as popular as Mater and Larry have become, the actual comic (who never uses his real name) is far more humble and soft-spoken than you'd expect. Larry is just a character and while the real man has a few other creations, his fictional cable guy isn't going anywhere.

"There's a radio station that I call into as Dead Bing Crosby and nobody knows it's me. I also used to call in as an old woman named Iris. I like doing that sort of thing, but Larry is the one that made me, so I'm not giving him up. It took over my life in a way I never expected."



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The Green Lantern

Genre: Action

Director: Martin Campbell

Stars: Ryan Reynolds, Peter Sarsgaard, Blake Lively
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Seven decades after debuting as a DC comic book, The Green Lantern comes to the big screen with Ryan Reynolds as Hal Jordan, a daredevil test pilot

who reluctantly becomes an intergalactic guardian as part of the Green Lantern Corp. Equipped with a magic ring and a snappy green Lone Ranger mask he protects Earth from the evil Parallax.

First the good stuff. The idea that the Parallax feeds off people's fear is a terrifying premise and Pe-

ter Sarsgaard's transformation from nerdy Hector to nerdy Hector-with-a-huge-head provides some fun Jekyll and Hyde moments, but the film is bogged down by an overreliance on CGI.

Because everyone knows anything is possible when you bang together the right bits of binary code, computer-generated action no longer "wows" audiences. So why does director Martin Campbell paint every frame with computer images? Even Jordan's silly little green mask is computer-generated. Was the costumer off the day he needed to don the disguise?

The Green Lantern isn't a bad superhero movie, but it doesn't hold a lantern to some of the seriously good ones we've seen lately like The Dark Knight or Iron Man.

● RICHARD CROUSE



The Art of Getting By

Genre: Drama

Director: Gavin Wiesen

Stars: Freddie Highmore, Emma Roberts
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The Art of Getting By has its moments, but suffers from a pretty serious problem. The main character is a teenager who decides he doesn't want to do home-

work because he thinks there are more important things in life. He wants to paint, but has no inspiration. He loves a girl, but can't tell her. It's hard to care about a character who has no desire to move forward. It's inevitable that a movie about disinterested characters is on a train to nowhere. ● PHIL BROWN



Forks over Knives

Genre: Documentary

Director: Lee Fulkerson

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An anti-meat manifesto that attempts to shame carnivores with both scientific arguments and the aggressive re-branding of vegan as a manly endeavour (as in a sequence with a granola-

loving MMA fighter), Forks over Knives is by turns persuasive and irritating. The problem is that the facts are presented in such a slanted and ideologically rigid manner that the film will likely alienate the very meat-and-potatoes constituency it means to sway.

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Diaz: Bad Teacher is 'genius'

► Movie makes no apologies for bad behaviour ► Diaz doesn't hold back in her latest role, and it pays off ► But the film's drug use, sexual content earns it an R-rating



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Considering how Cameron Diaz's character behaves in *Bad Teacher*, the title is something of an understatement.

She smokes pot in the school parking lot. She assaults students for getting questions wrong. She accepts "tutoring money" from parents in exchange for A's for their children.

Her sole motivation is earning enough money for a boob job so she can snag a rich husband. The character is crass, deceitful and usually hungover — in other words, far from glamorous or sympathetic. But that's exactly what Diaz liked about her.

"There was absolutely not one ounce of energy spent trying to make anything about this character likeable. It was genius," says Diaz. "Usually, you spend the last 20 minutes of the movie trying to apologize for the first hour and a half of it because people are afraid of just owning what it is."

Diaz, who has done arguably her best work in comedies with some bite

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CAMERON DIAZ

to them, doesn't hold back in her latest role, and it pays off. But given the material, she couldn't really pull any punches.

"Thirty pages into the script, I was like, 'There's no way I'm playing this character. How could I ever redeem her? There's no redemption for her, this is a horrible person,'" she remembers. "Then 10 pages later I was like, 'I think I like her.' And by the end I was like, 'This is amazing because I don't have to apologize.'"

Of course, even in a cavalcade of bad behaviour like *Bad Teacher*, there are some situations Diaz and director Jake Kasdan thought would be going too far, like featuring a teacher-student romance.

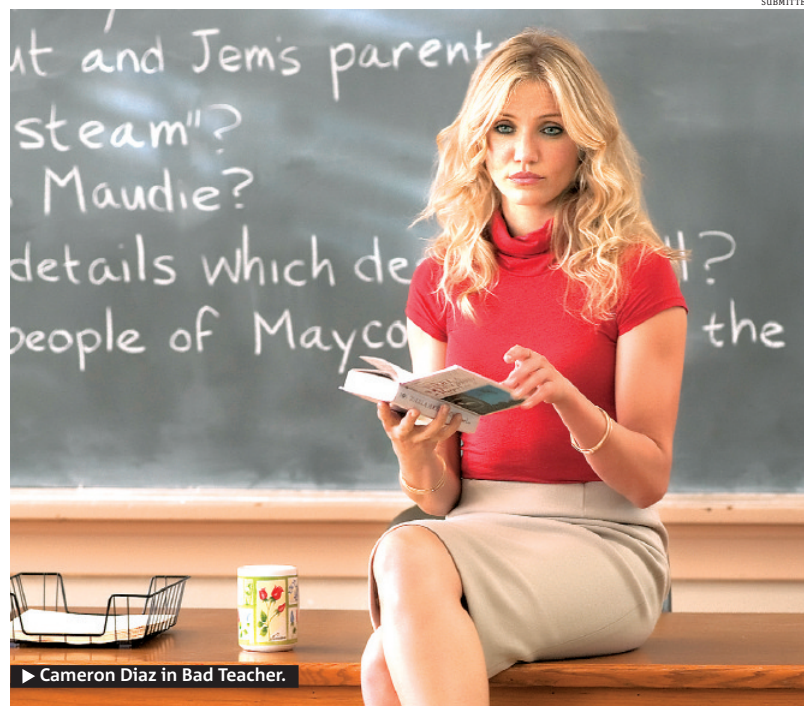
"The one thing that Elizabeth doesn't do — one line she doesn't cross — is taking on a seventh grad-

er," Diaz says. "That's the one thing she doesn't do, thankfully. I don't think I would be down with that. That would be a different movie, clearly."

Not that it would probably matter to MPAA, the organization that doles out ratings for American films — and a group Diaz isn't too thrilled about. (*Bad Teacher*, with its rampant drug use, foul language and sexual content, unsurprisingly earned an R-rating.)

"It's arbitrary, honestly, the rating system," Diaz says. "Who's to judge what is R-rated or not? It's all relative, right? It's just to whom is watching it, if it's something inappropriate or not. So I say, get rid of the ratings, man!" Feeling awkward on her soapbox, Diaz bursts out laughing.

But still, there's some truth to her rant, she says, especially when something like *Bad Teacher* is compared to "video games where they all get to slash each other and cut each other's heads off," she says. "Or even just Viagra commercials in the middle of the Super Bowl. I mean, that to me I take more of fence to."



► Cameron Diaz in *Bad Teacher*.

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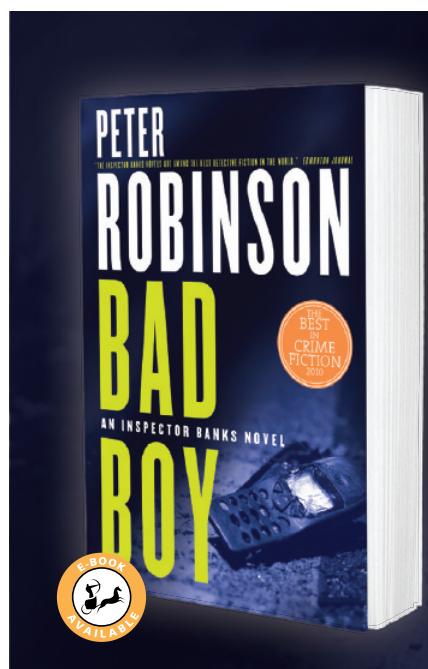
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Selena Gomez co-hosting the MMVAs

- Her boyfriend (a.k.a. Justin Bieber) is hinting on Twitter he might swing by for the party
- Performances by Lady Gaga, Avril Lavigne, Bruno Mars, Simple Plan and many more



IAN GORMELY
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Since its inception, the MuchMusic Video Awards have always had the feel of a star-studded street party. Behind the scenes though, a lot of planning goes into choreographing the chaos on Queen Street.

"It's one of those shows where anything could happen," says Neil Staite, MuchMusic's director of op-

erations. "You're not only building for what you want the show to be, but what could happen. And sometimes those are two very different things."

Key to the spontaneous appeal of the MMVAs every year are the fans who flock to the corner of Queen and John to catch a glimpse of their favourite artists. The energy they generate rubs off on the performers and presenters, says Staite.

Of course the crowds can

make getting the presenters to their mark on time a problem. Besides the party on Queen Street, Much also holds a reception inside the building. Every person appearing on the program gets a wrangler who rehearses from Friday on every possible route and detour to get that artist where they need to be on time.

The show's writers also have a hand in corralling the chaos. They research each presenter before writ-

ing a word, says Jason Ford, the supervising producer.

They'll then consult with each artist, sending drafts back and forth in an effort to capture the artist's true voices. Still, they leave plenty of room for off-the-cuff moments. In 2002 Pamela Anderson brought out then partner Kid Rock. This year Justin Bieber's girlfriend, Selena Gomez, is co-hosting the show and the Biebs has been hinting over Twitter he might stop by.



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Luther Brown has choreographed for the legendary Janet Jackson. His dog is named T Boz and has his very own Twitter account which you can follow @Tbozmypuppy.

Did you know...

Jean Marc Genereux designs ballroom costumes. His favourite hobby is oil painting on canvas.

Did you know...

Leah Miller baked her very own wedding cake. She was taught how to play the drums by City and Colour front man Dallas Green...also her husband!

Did you know...

Tré Armstrong starred in the film *How She Move* alongside *True Blood*'s Rutina Wesley. She has worked with world renowned artists including Rihanna, Jay-Z and Missy Elliott.

Did you know...

Blake McGrath starred in Jennifer Lopez's television show *Dancelife*. He has danced with musical icons Madonna, Janet Jackson, Britney Spears, Beyoncé and Mariah Carey.



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► Wyle stars in *Falling Skies*, TNT's new drama about an alien invasion and a struggling, grieving father

These days, Noah Wyle occupies a world devastated by alien invaders.

On his new TNT sci-fi series *Falling Skies*, he plays Tom Mason, a Boston University history professor whose wife was killed and one of his three sons taken captive in the alien attack.

Tom is second-in-command of a ragtag regiment of survivors in a ravaged Boston suburb.

The odds against them seem insurmountable. But

they are fighting back. In his new role, Wyle is facing even more challenges than, years ago, in that Chicago emergency room.

On *Falling Skies* (which premieres Sunday) there are threats aplenty from the mysterious, multi-legged aliens and the killing-machine robots they sic on the Earthlings.

"But there are larger themes," Wyle says. "Beyond surviving, the human characters will need to create

the template for the next civilization, which probably won't even be realized in their own lifetimes."

In short, Tom Mason is a history professor helping create new history by looking to the past.

"History is full of inferior forces creating

so much trouble that the invading army leaves," Tom tries to reassure his comrades as he reels off several encouraging examples, including a modern case: "Red Socks, Yankees, '04."

Wyle says he wasn't looking to do another series and, while he isn't the first TV star to

have said that, he makes it sound convincing. After all, his 11-year weekly

hitch as Dr. John Carter on NBC's *ER*, which ended in 2005, established him as a

mainstay of the last blockbuster drama viewers

may ever see. What follow-up series could measure up?

"After *ER*, I wanted to be a stay-at-home dad for a while,"



► Noah Wyle, centre, is shown in a scene from the new TNT sci-fi series *Falling Skies*.

Wyle says. (Divorced last year, he has a son, Owen, now 8, and a five-year-old daughter, Auden.) "The game plan, such as it was, was to stay away from episodic television."

But the persistence of TNT (for which Wyle made

three films in the Librarian adventure franchise) wore him down with offers for pilot deals, he says. So a couple of years ago, he sought out the advice of a trusted counsellor. He presented his son, Owen, with three series options: He

could be a lawyer or a police detective or an alien fighter.

Owen shot him a you're-kidding-me look, Wyle recalls. The choice was obvious: An alien fighter Wyle would be.

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Tormented therapy sessions

► *Michael*: Tuesdays and Thursdays a comedic look at those on the couch

Don McKellar and Bob Martin say they have no shortage of material for their new sitcom, *Michael*: Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The upcoming CBC show revolves around the twice weekly therapy sessions of tormented *Michael* and his therapist of 15 years, David.

"Most people involved with the creation of the show are troubled and have been in therapy or will be soon," deadpans McKellar, who directs the Ottawa-shot series. "I haven't been in therapy but I plan to be mid-season."

The stories are loosely



► *Michael*: Tuesdays and Thursdays debuts Sept. 14

based on the real-life neuroses of star Matt Watts, who says he turned to Cognitive Behavioural Therapy — just like the fictional *Michael* — to cope with issues including a fear of vomiting.

Therapy sessions in-

volve real-world exercises aimed at addressing a range of phobias, which Martin, who plays David, immediately saw as ripe for scripted hilarity.

"I think comedy is really based in fallible characters, not necessarily

heroic characters, and all of these characters have problems," says Martin, who also writes and serves as executive producer with McKellar.

"They all have issues, they're all coping in bizarre ways."

While *Michael* is wracked with anxieties that include cats, buses, strangers, bridges, and girls, David is a workaholic, likes to drink, is using *Michael*'s confessions to score a lucrative book deal and is in the midst of a full-blown mid-life crisis. *Michael*: Tuesdays and Thursdays is set to debut Sept. 14 on CBC.

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TV picks



Finding Sarah kicks off

MOST WERE HOPING SHE'D STAY LOST. Still reeling from a humiliating scandal, Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York, attempts to rebuild her life and career with the help of Oprah Winfrey experts Dr. Phil and Suze Orman in *Finding Sarah*. The six-

episode series kicks off Friday with Dr. Phil delving into Ferguson's past and showing her how childhood traumas continue to affect her. (OWN)

Outcasts land in Canada

ILLEGAL ALIENS? The British sci-fi series *Outcasts* arrives on this side of the pond on Saturday with an ambitious premise — 10 years after Earth colonists arrive on Carpathia, they anxiously await the arrival of the last known transporter from their doomed home planet. The series stars Eric Mabius, best known for his role on *Ugly Betty*. (Space)

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Natasha Bedingfield is ready to return

► And yes, she does still perform the theme from the TV show *The Hills* when she plays in concert for fans



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METRO WORLD NEWS IN BOSTON

It was a beautiful early sunny day in June on Cape Cod, and British pop singer Natasha Bedingfield is taking a few minutes from a rehearsal for a show that predates her first bout of touring for her third album, *Strip Me*.

"This show's special, it's for charity," she says from the Best Buddies Challenge in Hyannis.

The next day, the 29-year-old heads to Northampton for the first "proper" date on her *Less is More* tour and, not atypically, the bubbly blonde is excited.

It's been a long time since she toured. After two successful albums, Bedingfield suffered severe

burnout.

"I took a big break from the whole process of the music business," she says. "It's gimmicky, and it's not always about music."

Stepping back and re-evaluating her life put her back on track. Hence, the seemingly provocative album title: Bedingfield has stripped her life down to what really matters.

"I think everyone is making a move toward that. There's a lot of stuff I thought was meaningful that has become meaningless. We're all seeing so much craziness going on, and it's easy to become crippled with fear. But the reaction I take is to get out and celebrate what we have."

She's also stripped her shows down to a simple

Message in a text

Bedingfield, who splits time between London and Los Angeles, tells Metro that she'll be doing some fun cover songs on this tour.

► "We're doing a cover of The Police's *Message in a Bottle*. We're changing the words to 'sending out an SMS' though," she giggles. "Actually, I've got to go and practice it right now!"

three-piece band.

"I'm limiting myself on purpose. I think it's more dynamic like this, more real," she says.

"People can tell when it's real. I'm keeping it authentic, but I'm doing it my way — just good, soulful music."



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Foster the People foster an audience

► Metro got the chance to chat with singer Mark Foster about the band



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Do you like playing festivals as much as doing headlining shows?

I don't know if I like one more than another. I think it's cool at festivals because you tend to play in front of more people than we do at our club shows.

So I think it's a good opportunity for people that might go, you know, they might be going there to

check out other artists or be curious about us, and kind of stumble into the show and become a fan. And it's also really cool to be able to see other bands that haven't been seen before as well.

Has anyone that you've seen recently blown you away?

I just saw Cage the Elephant for the first time and that was really fun. I really enjoyed them. And Snoop played at BFD (in

Calif.) and that blew my mind. ... I've been to quite a few hip-hop shows, but he's just got it down.

Tell me about your connection with Dr. Dre.

They brought me in originally to work on (Dr. Dre's upcoming album) *Detox*, but then basically switched gears and said that they wanted to get behind me as a recording artist. But they wanted to make a soul record with Raphael Saadiq, and I was

making electronic kind of glitched-out music and that was the type of record I wanted to make, so we just didn't really see eye to eye.

It would've been a dream to work with Dre but I didn't want to be the next Billy Joel or anything. I wanted to make the kind of music I was making.

And I had a few songs like that. You know, I have some songs that are more classic songwriting, and that's what they were grav-

itating towards, but my heart was always in the type of music that we're making now with Foster the People.

What I got from listening to the album, and I might be way off base, but there's a definite '80s sensibility going on, but it feels more like '80s pop than the more new wave '80s that a lot of other indie bands are embracing.

I don't really know where stuff comes from. I grew up listening to all sorts of

Debut

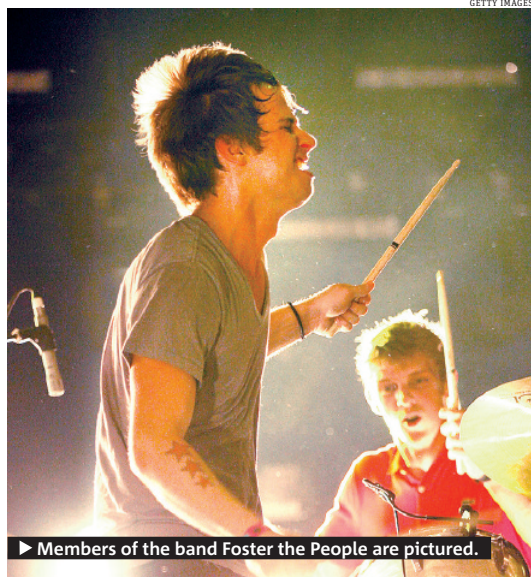
► Foster the People's debut album, *Torches*, was released at the end of May.

music, and the sound I've been working on for Foster the People is something I've been working on for years. When I first started tapping into it, I'd write something like a heavily electronic song, then I'd write a rock song, then I'd write a Motown song, then I'd write a spiritual song. And I was always trying to figure out how to put them into one thing. And it took a long time.

I've been working on this sound for the last seven years. And really in the last year-and-a-half to two years, is when it started to click, so I don't really know where it came from.

I'd say still (our debut album is) a versatile record. It has a lot of flavours. I never really went out specifically to try to capture one particular moment in history musically or anything. It's kind of everything all at once.

"One of my concerns for this record was that it wasn't going to be cohesive, so that was something that I really worked towards, tying everything together." MARK FOSTER



► Members of the band Foster the People are pictured.



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HISTORY OF MUSIC: THE FORMAT WARS (PART 2)

SOUND CHECK



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Last week, I went through some love-hate battles that have occurred between music and technology over the decades. Here are a few more.

Tapes vs. Tapes

For years, the only source for music in the car was

the AM radio. That changed starting with some 1965 Ford models, as the 8-track player was introduced as a factory option. It ruled until the mid-1970s when it was eclipsed by the cassette, which, unlike the 8-track, had a rewind function. In 1982, the last pre-recorded 8-tracks disappeared from stores, although it lived on in the realm of record clubs. Legend has it that the last 8-track ever issued was Fleetwood Mac's *Greatest Hits* in November 1988. (Good trivia question, that!)

Tapes vs. Vinyl

There was a period in the 1980s when sales of pre-recorded cassettes were



► Remember these? For the youngsters out there, they're called cassettes.

greater than those of LPs. Everyone had a Walkman and rather than transferring LPs to blank cassettes, millions just went for the pre-recorded version. Record stores bulged with LPs, 45s, 12-inch singles, cassettes and, for a while, 8-tracks.

Tapes and Vinyl vs. CDs

Before cassettes and vinyl could finish their death match, along came the compact disc. Introduced in late 1982, the record industry was initially dead against them. The last thing they wanted during a brutal recession was an-

other new format with its requisite manufacturing, transportation and warehousing costs, not to mention the investments record stores would have to make on new shelving. Then someone realized that the CD was a way to get music fans to buy their entire music collections all over again.

CDs vs. MP3s

And lo, the times were good as fat margins on CDs and ever-increasing annual album sales made the recording industry a very, very happy place. Things were so good that when, in 1993, a Warner executive discovered leaked versions of a Depeche Mode album

trading in chat rooms on the Prodigy network (anyone remember that?) using some weird new technology called the MP3, he brushed it off as inconsequential. Oops.

MP3s vs. Streaming

But MP3s (and similar music files) may not be the endgame. Subscription services like Spotify and Pandora may make possessing MP3s irrelevant. There's no need to own an MP3 if you can get the music from somewhere whenever you want it.

Then again, Apple's iCloud is a shot against streaming, isn't it?

The format wars are far from over.

Aguilera sharing the blame for her divorce

► Says that her, Jordan Bratman weren't angels ► Split up for their child

Christina Aguilera is opening up about her recent divorce, telling W Magazine that she and ex-husband Jordan Bratman share the blame for it ending.

"At one time or another we were both not angels," Aguilera says. "It got to a point where our life at home was reminding me of my own childhood. I will not have my son grow up in a tension-filled home."

And the singer, who's no stranger to life in the public eye, knew it wouldn't be an easy process.

"I knew there would be a negative reaction in the press to my divorce, but I

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CHRISTINA AGUILERA

am not going to live my life because of something someone might say."

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► Christina Aguilera

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Royals turning away the help

Prince William and his new wife, Kate Middleton, are putting the breaks on hiring on new household staff, according to Us Weekly.

"New staff for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have been put on hold. The move to Kensington Palace will go ahead, but just without the extra household staff. For now," says one source.

Another source adds that Middleton "doesn't want a housekeeper/dress-

"New staff for the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge have been put on hold. The move to Kensington Palace will go ahead but just without the extra household staff." SOURCE

er at Kensington Palace because she doesn't need one right now." ● METRO



► Prince William and Kate Middleton

Talking points

Timberlake defends Brit

NOT CHUMP CHANGE.

Justin Timberlake is coming to ex-girlfriend Britney Spears' defense after the Femme Fatale singer has been hit with a deluge of criticism online for her current dance moves.

"This thing that happens online bothers me — these anonymous commenters," Timberlake tells Playboy magazine.

"People think they can say anything and it doesn't matter to people," he said.

"I'd love to see the people who comment about Britney online say those things to her face, because they couldn't."

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Why Crystal left Hefner at the alter

NOT A FIGHT Crystal Harris says leaving Hugh Hefner less than a week before their wedding was "the right thing to do," she reveals in an interview with Ryan Seacrest.

"He was just doing this wedding for me. He thought that's what I wanted. We're both relieved."

She also insists rumors of a

blowout between the two are untrue. "It was mutual between Hef and I," Harris says. "There was no fight. We sat down and we talked about it." She claims they are still together and everything is fine otherwise. ● METRO

Celebrity tweets



"my life was once whiskey, tears, and cigarettes... now it's snot, tears, and the color of poop."

@Pink



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"Thank you all for nominating me as sexiest vegetarian. I am going to celebrate by being sexy with a parsnip."

@SarahKSilverman



"Women are treated so terribly in Arab nations, you'd think they were gays in THIS nation."

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"Just 'made it rain' with Snoop Dogg. He tossed money in the air, and I seeded clouds until precipitation ensued."

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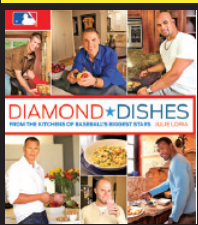
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► This T-Bone Steak recipe (a favourite of Alex Rodriguez) makes four servings. The Crème Brûlée, which Albert Pujols loves, makes six.



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Hit a Father's Day home run in the kitchen

► **Diamond Dishes** by Julie Loria takes you inside the kitchens of some of Major League Baseball's biggest stars

Grilled T-Bone Steaks with Balsamic Onion Confit

Alex Rodriguez likes his steak sides tasty and free of unnecessary fat and calories. This slow-cooked confit fits the bill.

Preparation:

- 1 Melt butter in skillet over medium heat. Add onions and salt; stir well. Add 1 cup water. Cook, stirring, until wa-

ter evaporates and onions soften, about 20 mins. Stir another cup of water into onions. Cook, stirring, until water evaporates and onions are tender and begin to brown, about 20 mins.

- 2 Stir in vinegar and honey. Cook, stirring often to avoid scorching, until onions are caramelized and liquids are syrupy, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cover skillet to keep onions warm.

- 3 Meanwhile, prepare fire in outdoor grill. Season steaks with salt and pepper; let stand at room temperature while grill heats. Lightly oil grill grate. Place steaks on grill and cover. Grill, turning after 3½ minutes, until tops of steaks feel somewhat firmer than raw when pressed with a finger, about 7 minutes for medium-rare steak.

- 4 Transfer each steak to dinner plate. Top with heap of onions and serve at once.

Crème Brûlée

Albert Pujols likes to stay in shape, but this is the one dessert he finds hard to resist.

Preparation:

- 1 Position rack in centre of oven; preheat to 300°F.

- 2 Combine cream and sugar in heavy-bottomed saucepan. If using, split vanilla bean lengthwise and scrape seeds into saucepan with tip of knife. Add bean halves to saucepan. Bring to simmer, stirring. Remove from heat. Discard vanilla bean halves. (If using vanilla extract, stir it in now.)

- 3 Whisk egg yolks in bowl. Gradually whisk in hot cream mixture. Strain through wire sieve into a 1-quart glass measuring cup. Divide custard evenly among six ¾-cup (6-ounce) ramekins or crème brûlée dishes.

- 4 Arrange ramekins in roasting pan. Place pan on oven rack. Gently slide rack out of oven and add enough hot water to go halfway up sides of ramekins. Carefully slide rack with pan back into oven. Bake until custards are barely set, about 40 mins. (25 mins. if using crème brûlée dishes). Remove pan from oven. Using tongs, transfer ramekins to a wire cake rack and let cool. Cover each with

Shopping list:

Grilled T-Bone Steak with Balsamic Onion Confit

- Balsamic Onion Confit**
- 1 tablespoon unsalted butter
 - 3 onions, peeled and sliced about ½ inch thick
 - Pinch of salt
 - 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
 - 3 tablespoons honey

Steaks

- 4 14-ounce T-bone steaks
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Crème Brûlée

- 2¾ cups heavy cream
- ½ cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 vanilla bean or 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 6 large egg yolks
- 3 tablespoons sugar, for topping

plastic wrap and refrigerate until chilled.

- 5 Before serving, uncover ramekins. Sprinkle 1½ teaspoons sugar evenly over top of each custard. Using kitchen torch, held so flame touches sugar, melt and sugar in each. **ADAPTED FROM DIAMOND DISHES BY JULIE LORIA, 2011. (LYONS PRESS, AN IMPRINT OF GLOBE PEQUOT PRESS, GUILDFORD, CT.)**

Sharing a brew with dad



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If it's liquid, I love it. So, I'm sure my father doesn't mind this Father's Day that while I inherited his appreciation for a fine pint of beer, I also spread my love around the wine and spirit world, too.

That said, beer does hold a special place in my heart.

After all, it was the first taste of booze I ever had thanks to my grandfather. (No emails folks. I spit it out much to the enjoyment of dear old Da).

Times have changed in the beer business. Small North American cottage breweries have become red hot by reinventing old school British ales and light beer is on every guy's radar because almost everyone of us has an interest in watching calories.

Though the flavour profile of lighter beers varies dramatically, the addition of a citrus element really levels the drinking field.

Molson Canadian 67 Sublime (12 x 341 ml, \$18.12 - \$22.99) has a surprisingly robust lemon/lime appeal that adds volumes to what is arguably a pretty subtle beer.

Meanwhile, the 100 calorie Miller Chill Lemon (12 x 355 ml, \$21.50 - \$23.99) plays down the citrus as it pumps up the volume of refreshing malt.



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What went wrong for Canucks?

Plenty of questions swirl around the Vancouver Canucks following a season where they looked like a team with all the answers to win the Stanley Cup.

A 4-0 loss to the Boston Bruins in Game 7 Wednesday night ended the Canucks' dream of winning their first NHL championship in franchise history. A team that won the Presidents' Trophy for the best record in the league came up one victory short of being a champion.

Mike Gillis, the Canucks' general manager, now has to figure out why a club that did so much right during the regular season, and most of the playoffs, suddenly had a lot go wrong in the final.

Why did a Vancouver team that led the league in scoring manage just eight goals in seven games against the Bruins? And get shut out twice?

Where were the Sedins?

And the question that will burn up radio talk shows for the summer, what happened to Roberto Luongo?

How could a goaltender who was solid as a rock some nights shatter like glass in three games in Boston and give up at least two questionable goals on the night his team needed him most?

Coach Alain Vigneault wasn't rushing to give answers.

"I'm not going to analyze this game right now," he said after the loss.

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► Zach Stewart pitches Thursday against Baltimore.

Zach's on track

- Right-hander Stewart solid in first game since call-up from double-A
- Two ninth-inning runs lift Orioles to 4-3 victory over Blue Jays

Toronto Blue Jays right-hander Zach Stewart was impressive in his major league debut. The only thing missing was a win.

That went to the Baltimore Orioles, who scored two runs in the ninth inning to defeat the Blue Jays 4-3 Thursday afternoon to salvage the finale of the three-game series.

Former Blue Jays reliever Kevin Gregg picked up his 13th save despite giving up Adam Lind's 14th homer of the season to

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lead off the bottom of the ninth.

Stewart allowed seven hits and two runs — including a solo shot from J.J. Hardy — over seven innings.

"Obviously, I wanted it

to be a good outing and so in that sense it was," said Stewart, who had his parents in attendance from Texas and his wife's family from Atlanta.

Stewart, 24, was called up from double-A New Hampshire this week after rookie right-hander Kyle Drabek was demoted to triple-A Las Vegas.

"He was outstanding," Blue Jays manager John Farrell said. "He didn't fear contact, he got ahead in the count and used his

fastball and slider to disrupt some timing on some first pitches. Quick innings early on. That certainly relaxed him and he settled into a very nice rhythm."

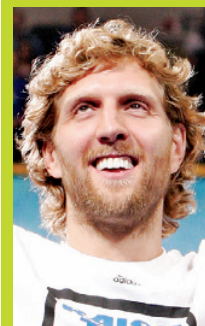
His last inning, the seventh, might have been his most impressive from the standpoint of composure. He hit Mark Reynolds with a pitch, then got a double-play grounder from Ryan Adams followed by a strikeout to end the inning.

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Bruins bring cup to Boston

The Stanley Cup glistened in the morning sun, the nearly 35-pound symbol of NHL supremacy raised high over the head of 255-pound Zdeno Chara.

Then, the captain of the champion Boston Bruins lowered it to his knees. He patiently answered reporters' questions after a night of little sleep and much joy on a flight across North America — from the disappointed city of Vancouver to the title town of Boston.

For the six-foot-nine defenceman and his teammates the heavy lifting was over.

The celebration was on. "We are pretty OK with that weight," Chara said Thursday, the cup in his grasp as it was when he hoisted it after the Bruins' 4-0 win in Game 7 over the Canucks less than 12 hours earlier.

He walked over to some of the roughly 500 fans who had gathered outside TD Garden, where the Bruins outscored the Canucks 17-3 during the final. He let some of them touch the coveted trophy that hadn't been in Bruins hands in 39 years.

"It's unbelievable. It's very exciting for the whole city, for us, for the whole organization. It's a very special day," said Chara, who hadn't won a cup in 12 previous NHL seasons. "We're very honoured to be here. We're so happy."

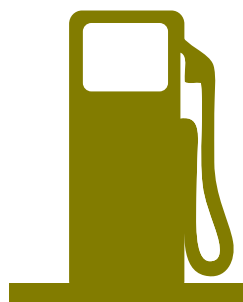
They won with Brad Marchand, a rookie pest, and Patrice Bergeron, who missed most of the 2007-08 season with a concussion. Each had two goals in the clincher.

"We went out there on a mission, came back champions," Marchand said. "We proved we were the best team in the world."

There will be many more fans lining the streets at a parade scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, Boston's seventh in the past decade following championship celebrations for the Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Captain Zdeno Chara lets Bruins fans touch the Stanley Cup in front of TD Garden in Boston on Thursday.



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BOSTON BRUINS

Cup winners should be able to keep team intact

The Boston Bruins should have an easier time repeating than the last team to win the Stanley Cup.

Unlike the Chicago Blackhawks of a year ago, the Bruins are well-positioned under the salary cap to bring back virtually the same squad that ended a long championship drought.

In fact, only four players that suited up for Wednesday's Game 7 victory over the Vancouver Canucks are headed for free agency and one of

them, 43-year-old forward Mark Recchi, is retiring.

No wonder some members of the team took a break between sips of champagne to look ahead.

"The future looks bright with all the guys that we have," said Bruins forward Patrice Bergeron, who had two goals in the deciding game.

If anything, general manager Peter Chiarelli might be looking to add a few pieces. He has \$52.2 million US committed to 18 players next season — leaving him roughly \$10 million to spend with the cap expected to be set around \$62 million.

He'll also likely get back the \$4 million in cap space dedicated to forward Marc Savard, who is expected to retire because of ongoing concussion symptoms.

Chiarelli's biggest decision will be determining the fate of defenceman Tomas Kaberle, who failed to provide the power-play boost the Bruins were looking for when they acquired him from Toronto midway through the year. The veteran earned \$4.25 million this season and is an unrestricted free agent. Forward Michael Ryder is also eligible to become unrestricted on July 1 after earning \$4 million.

The only other Bruins regular in need of a contract is Brad Marchand, who earned himself some extra money by scoring 11 times in the playoffs including two in Game 7 of the final. The pesky forward is a restricted free agent who averaged a little over \$821,000 on his entry-level deal. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Seven points to watch this CFL season

CFL EXTRA POINTS

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Let's kick off the 2011 CFL campaign with seven questions that should get answered between the season openers on Canada Day weekend to the time the Grey Cup is hoisted Nov. 27 in Vancouver.

1 Needing 4,200 yards to overtake Damon Allen as the CFL's career passing yards leader, Anthony Calvillo still can't get his name on many lists of the CFL's all-time greatest quarterbacks. Critics argue Calvillo lacks arm strength and mobility, both valid claims, and that his career stats are the product of longevity instead of talent. Yet late this season, A.C. should eclipse Allen's passing mark, a staggering stat north of 72,000 yards, while challenging for a third-consecutive Grey Cup ring. Will it finally be enough to help Calvillo receive the respect he deserves?

2 Greg Marshall has waited a lifetime to earn his first head-coaching job, taking over from Ken Miller as Saskatchewan's boss. Countless times Marshall has been a bridesmaid when CFL teams were courting head coaches, despite earning respect as one of the league's top defensive gurus. Marshall deserves this opportunity, but when a candidate gets passed over that many times, you have to wonder: Do other teams know something the Riders don't?

3 The Calgary Stampeders have been a perennial Grey Cup contender since QB Henry Burris arrived in 2005. But with just one championship ring in six seasons and after two straight West final losses, is time running out for the 36-year-old Burris and his talented group to claim another?

4 B.C. Lions boss Wal-ly Buono believes in QB Travis Lulay so deeply he's given the young pivot the starting role in Vancouver. Will the green Montana slinger develop into a quarterback the likes of Dave Dickenson or Jeff Garcia, two other top passers Buono helped groom?

5 The Edmonton Eskimos aren't used to losing and have handed the controls to GM Eric Tillman, who'll guide an intense rebuilding program. With a new coaching staff, can Tillman quickly produce the winning results green and gold fans demand?

6 For the second consecutive season, the Toronto Argos are destined to enter the season without a legitimate starting quarterback. The three main contenders — Cleo Lemon, a failure last season, along with backups Steven Jyles and Dalton Bell — hardly strike fear in the hearts of opponents. Who's going to help the Argos find the end zone?

7 Winnipeg's 4-14 record last season hardly suggests the team is on the verge of a Grey Cup appearance, but nine of those losses were by four points or less. Can Winnipeg turn those close losses into victories in 2011 and earn a playoff spot?

NHL

PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

STANLEY CUP FINAL

(Best-of-7 series)

VANCOUVER (W1) VS. BOSTON (E3)
(Boston wins series 4-3)

Last night's result

Boston 4 Vancouver 0

STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

2010-11 - Boston Bruins

2009-10 - Chicago Blackhawks

2008-09 - Pittsburgh Penguins

2007-08 - Detroit Red Wings

2006-07 - Anaheim Ducks

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WINNERS

2011 - Tim Thomas, G, Boston

2010 - Jonathan Toews, F, Chicago

2009 - Evgeni Malkin, F, Pittsburgh

2008 - Henrik Zetterberg, F, Detroit

2007 - Scott Niedermayer, D, Anaheim

LATE WEDNESDAY

BRUINS 4, CANUCKS 0

First Period

1. Boston, Bergeron 5 (Marchand) 14:37

Penalties — None.

Second Period

2. Boston, Marchand 10 (Seidenberg, Recchi)

12:13

3. Boston, Bergeron 6 (Seidenberg, Campbell)

17:35 (sh)

Penalty — Chara Bos (interference) 16:07.

Third Period

4. Boston, Marchand 11, 17:16 (en)

Penalties — Hansen Vcr (interference) 5:33,

Lucic Bos (hooking) 11:34.

Shots on goal by

Boston 5 8 8 21

Vancouver 8 13 16 37

Goal — Boston: Thomas (W,16-9); Vancouver:

Luongo (L,15-10).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 0-1;

Vancouver: 0-2.

Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Stephen Walkom.

Linesmen — Jean Morin, Jay Sharrers.

Att. — 18,860 (18,810) at Vancouver.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Krejci, Bos	12	11	23
H.Sedin, Vcr	3	19	22
St. Louis, TB	10	10	20
D.Sedin, Vcr	9	11	20
P.Bergeron, Bos	6	14	20
Marchand, Bos	11	8	19
Kesler, Vcr	7	12	19
Lecavalier, TB	6	13	19
Burrows, Vcr	9	8	17
Horton, Bos	8	9	17
Ryder, Bos	8	9	17
Purcell, TB	6	11	17
J.Thornton, SJ	3	14	17
Boyle, SJ	4	12	16
Clove, SJ	6	9	15
Datsyuk, Det	4	11	15
Couture, SJ	7	7	14
Recchi, Bos	5	9	14
Downie, TB	2	12	14
Marleau, SJ	7	6	13
Ward, Nash	7	6	13
Stamkos, TB	6	7	13
Kelly, Bos	5	8	13
Gagne, TB	5	7	12
Lucic, Bos	5	7	12
Peverley, Bos	4	8	12

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

ORIOLES 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Hardy ss	5	1	2	1	YEScor ss	4	1	0	0
Markis rf	5	1	1	0	CPttrsn lf-cf	3	0	1	0
AdJons cf	4	0	0	0	Bautist rf	4	0	1	2
Guerrr dh	4	0	3	1	Lind 1b	4	1	2	1
Reimld pr-dh	0	1	0	0	A.Hill 2b	3	0	1	0
Scott lf	4	0	1	0	Encrnc dh	4	0	0	0
Pie pr-lf	0	1	0	0	J.Molin c	3	0	0	0
D.Lee 1b	4	0	0	1	Arencic c	1	0	0	0
MrRynl 3b	1	0	1	0	RDavis cf	2	0	0	0
RAdms 2b	4	0	1	1	JRiver ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Andino 2b	0	0	0	0	J.Nix 3b	3	1	1	0
Tatum c	3	0	1	0					
Wieters ph-c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	35	4	10	4	Totals	32	3	6	3

E—R.Adams (2), DP—Baltimore 1, Toronto 3.

LOB—Baltimore 7, Toronto 4, 2B—Hardy (10),

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	40	27	.597	—
New York	39	28	.582	1
Tampa Bay	36	32	.529	4½
Toronto	34	35	.493	7
Baltimore	31	35	.470	8½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	38	31	.551	—
Cleveland	36	31	.537	1
Chicago	33	37	.471	5½
Kansas City	30	39	.435	8
Minnesota	28	39	.418	9

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	36	34	.514	—
Seattle	35	34	.507	½
Los Angeles	33	37	.471	3
Oakland	30	40	.429	6

Yesterday's results

Baltimore 4 Toronto 3

Detroit 6 Cleveland 2

N.Y. Yankees 3 Texas 2 (12 inn.)

Minnesota 1 Chicago White Sox 0

Oakland 8 Kansas City 4

Boston at Tampa Bay

Wednesday's results

Cleveland 6 Detroit 4

N.Y. Yankees 12 Texas 4

Toronto 3 Baltimore 1

Boston 3 Tampa Bay 0

Minnesota 4 Chicago White Sox 1

Oakland 2 Kansas City 1

Seattle 3 L.A. Angels 1

Today's games

(All times Eastern)

N.Y. Yankees (F.Garcia 5-5) at Chicago Cubs

(D.Davis 0-5), 2:20 p.m.

Baltimore (Britton 6-4) at Washington (Mar-

quis 7-2), 7:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Correia 8-5) at Cleveland (Tomlin

7-4), 7:05 p.m.

Florida (Hand 0-2) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 5-

5), 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Angels (Pineiro 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Ca-

puano 5-6), 7:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Marcum 7-2) at Boston (Lackey 4-

5), 7:10 p.m.

Toronto (Jo-Reyes 2-5) at Cincinnati (Leake 6-

7), 7:10 p.m.

Texas (C.Lewis 5-7) at Atlanta (Hanson 8-4),

7:35 p.m.

San Diego (Richard 2-8) at Minnesota

(Duensing 3-6), 8:10 p.m.

Kansas City (F.Paulino 0-0) at St. Louis

(C.Carpenter 1-6), 8:15 p.m.

Detroit (Porcello 6-4) at Colorado (Hammel 3-

6), 8:40 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (E.Jackson 4-5) at Arizona

(D.Hudson 7-5), 9:40 p.m.

San Francisco (Lincecum 5-5) at Oakland

(Godfrey 0-0), 10:05 p.m.

Philadelphia (Oswalt 4-4) at Seattle (Pineda

6-4), 10:10 p.m.

CALENDAR

July 12 — All-Star game, Phoenix.

July 24 — Hall of Fame induction, Cooper-

stown, N.Y.

July 31 — Last day to trade a player without

securing waivers.

Aug. 15 — Last day to sign selections from

2011 amateur draft who have not exhausted

college eligibility.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	44	26	.629	—
Atlanta	38	31	.551	5½
New York	34	34	.500	9
Washington	32	36	.471	11
Florida	32	37	.464	11½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	31	.557	—
St. Louis	38	31	.551	½
Cincinnati	37	33	.529	2
Pittsburgh	35	33	.515	3
Chicago	28	40	.412	10
Houston	25	45	.357	14

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	39	29	.574	—
Arizona	37	32	.536	2½
Colorado	33	35	.485	6
Los Angeles	31	39	.443	9
San Diego	30	40	.429	10

Yesterday's results

Philadelphia 3 Florida 0

Pittsburgh 5 Houston 4

Chicago Cubs 12 Milwaukee 7

St. Louis at Washington

N.Y. Mets at Atlanta

Crossword

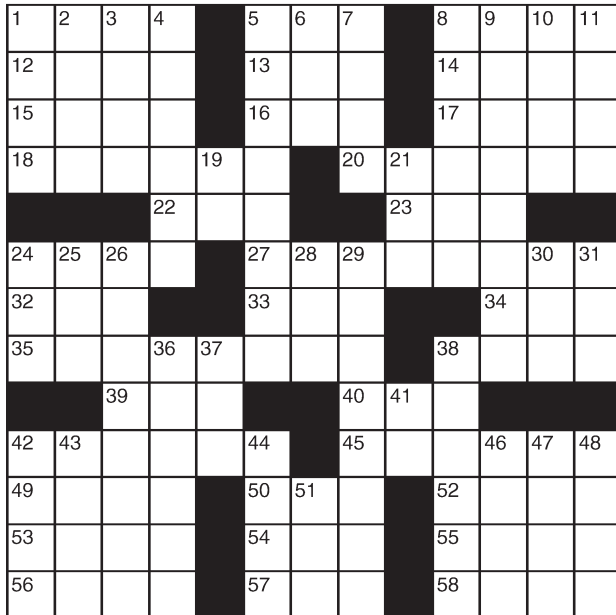
Editor's note: Yikes! The production gremlins were working overtime yesterday! Here's the puzzle you should've had.

Across

- 1 Con game
5 Not-so-tall tale
8 Front projection
12 Needing a cane
13 Earlier than
14 Hold sway
15 Intl. cartel
16 Actress Gardner
17 Elevator name
18 Railyard sight
20 Result
22 Every last bit
23 15-Across' product
24 Gulleys
27 And so on
32 — Beta Kappa
33 Vast expanse
34 Blue
35 Unrelenting pest
38 Snakes
39 Storm center
40 Keyboard abbr.
42 Take out of context?
45 Small yellow fruit used in preserves
49 Vicinity
50 "Hail!"
52 Loosen
53 Optimistic
54 Family member
55 Particular
56 Being, to Brutus
57 "Of course"
58 "Piggies"

Down

- 1 Messy guy
2 Mafia bigwig
3 MasterCard alternative, briefly
4 Gathering places

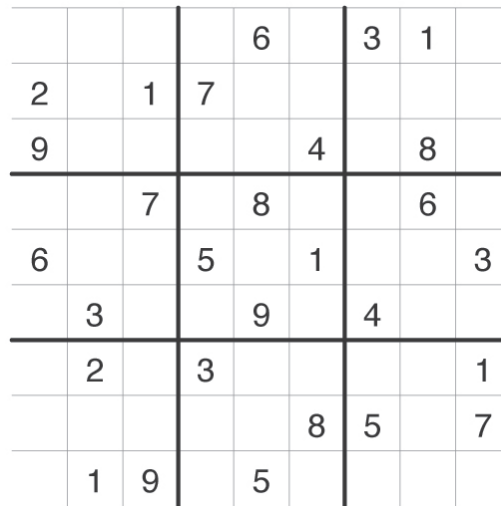


- 5 Intrepid
6 Mr. Robbins who partnered with Burt Baskin
7 Suitor
8 Toaster's word
9 Cruel
10 Medley
11 Into the sunset
19 Mr. Pacino
21 "Ulalume" writer
24 Speedometer stat
25 "Caught ya!"
26 Brit's radio
28 Ball-bearing gizmo
29 Negligent
30 Knock
31 Billboards
36 Sailor's assent
37 Collection
38 Find not guilty
41 Therefore
42 Challenge
43 Love deity
44 Uncomplicated
46 "Do — others ..."
47 "Zip — -Doo-Dah"
48 — River, NJ
51 Struggle (for)

Wednesday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

8	5	2	9	6	1	3	7	4
3	9	1	4	2	7	5	8	6
4	7	6	3	5	8	1	2	9
5	1	9	2	7	3	6	4	8
2	4	7	8	1	6	9	3	5
6	3	8	5	9	4	2	1	7
7	2	3	6	8	5	4	9	1
1	6	4	7	3	9	8	5	2
9	8	5	1	4	2	7	6	3

Today



28°/17°
Thundershowers
40%

Saturday



27°/13°
Sunny



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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 The winds of fate will soon blow you in a new direction. There's a few days to finish what you're working on.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You may be at a low ebb at the moment but it won't be long before your enthusiasm for life returns.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 The more others say you need to act now, the more likely it is their motives are selfish.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 What you imagine today, will be reality tomorrow. Let your mind roam.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If you throw in the towel on something you find difficult, you'll regret it soon.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 The only reason a colleague is trying to put the spotlight on your errors is because he or she doesn't want others to see his or her mistakes.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You don't lack for ideas as to how you can improve your life and you don't lack for confidence either.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Some are saying you are aiming too high. As usual, they are wrong.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Negative thoughts tend to be self-fulfilling, don't let them take root.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Listen to your instincts if they tell you that something is wrong.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You may find it hard to get along with colleagues but just smile when they do something stupid.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Cosmic activity in the sympathetic sign of Cancer makes it easy for you to understand why people act the way they do. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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